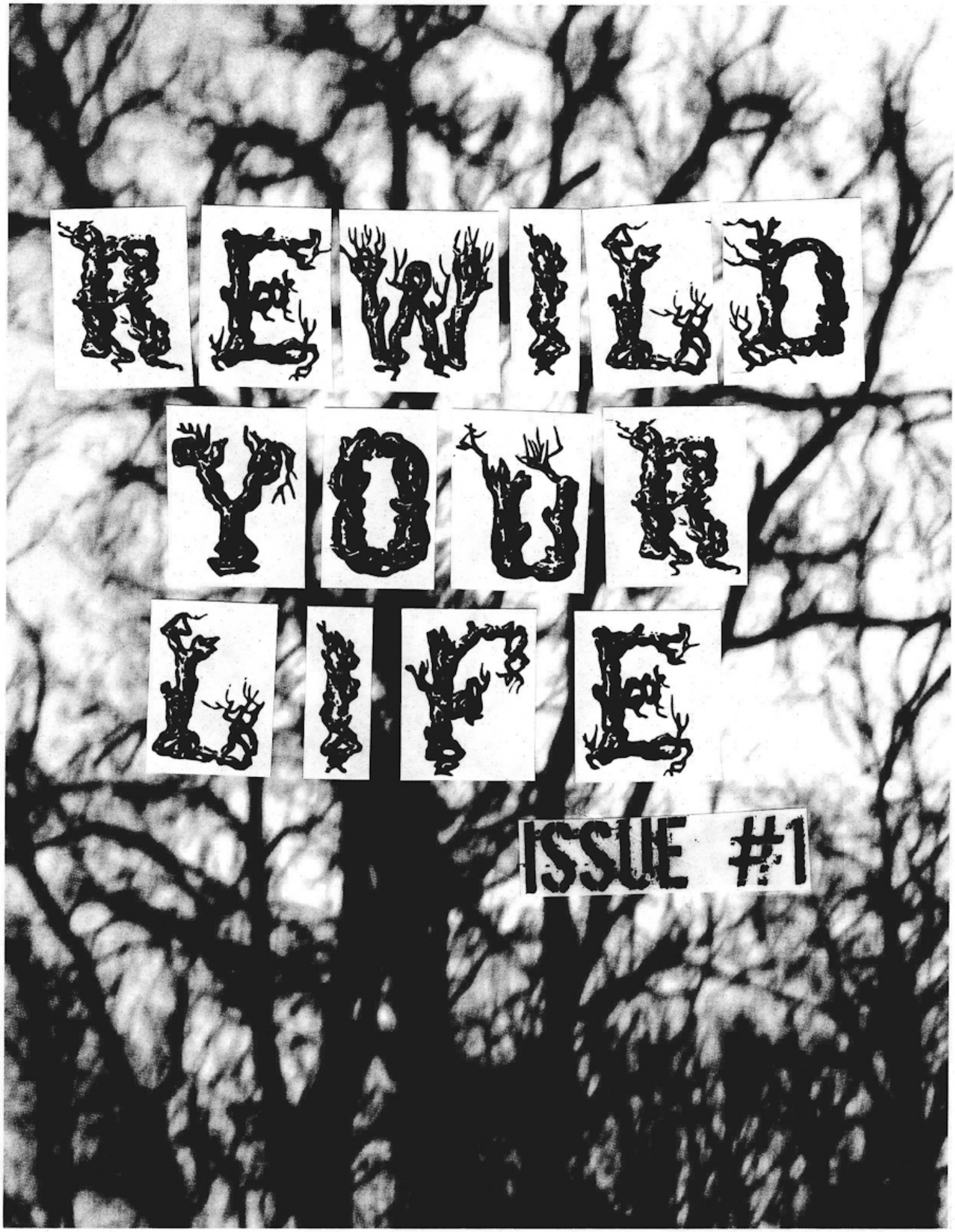

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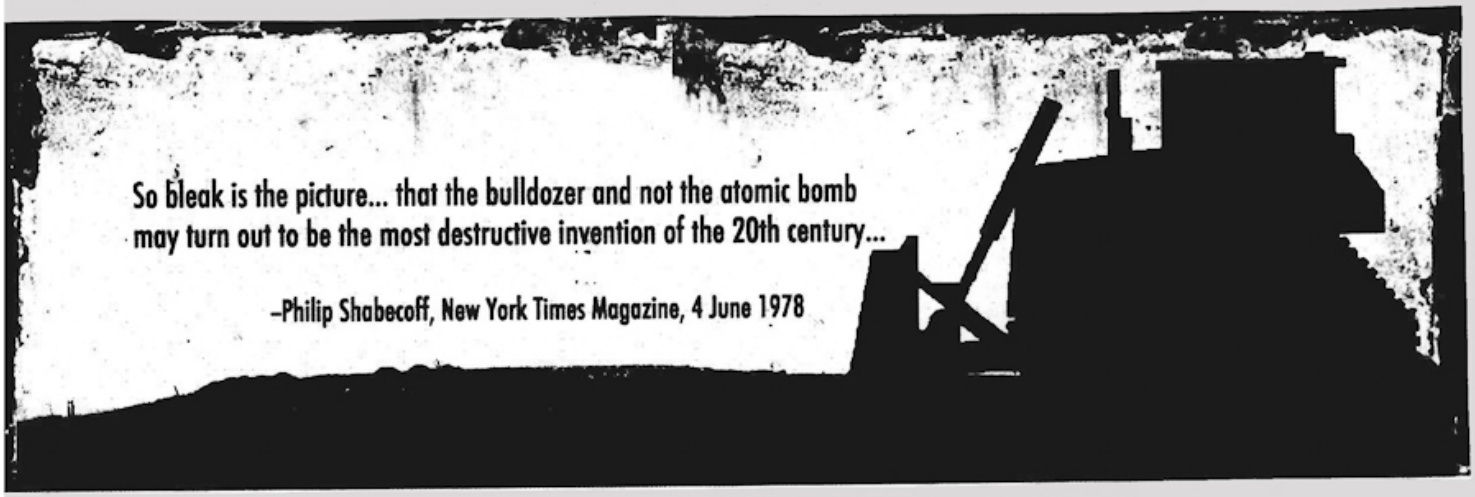

1: THE GREAT DEPRESSION

The increase in mass urbanization worldwide has provoked studies that are proving conclusively a corresponding increase in psychosis, depression and general mental illness. This occurs because of the combining effects of poverty, crime, drug use, overcrowding, pollution, dissolving family structure, and all the anxieties and negative properties that these things have on the individual. Urbanization and so-called "human progress" has really been a long and systemized domestication process, so that you, the individual, would shut your mouth and go along with the program in order to make a small percentage of the world's population wealthy while your spirit and dreams atrophy and die along with the green world around you.

OH BEAUTIFUL FOR SMOGGY SKIES INSECTICIDED GRAIN
FOR STRIP-MINED MOUNTAINS MAJESTY ABOVE THE ASPHALT PLAIN
AMERICA AMERICA MAN SHEDS HIS WASTE ON THEE
AND HIDES THE PINES WITH BILLBOARD SIGNS FROM SEA TO OILY SEA

GEORGE CARLIN

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The systems of control, that is, government (whether capitalist, socialist, democratic or other) have conspired together for many years perfecting this concrete prison via specialization of labor, taxation,impossible wage vs. living expense discrepancies, government programs to assist (enslave) the populace by creating dependents instead of strong individuals, and a deliberate system of brainwashing through marketing and media in order to not only keep the citizen unaware of the root of his despondency, but creating and mass producing dreams and goals, and then selling them in pre-packaged format. Once achieved, there is no sense of satisfaction or fulfillment, and, just like fast food, the consumer then must return for more, glutting himself on quick thrills and immediate gratification.

Even if you are an individual who consider yourself "satisfied" with your current surroundings, the time comes when you must question this satisfaction. Are you satisfied in a deep and fulfilling way, or are you merely distracted enough to not notice a gnawing desire and a deep-rooted feeling

THAT YOU DESERVE SOMETHING BETTER?

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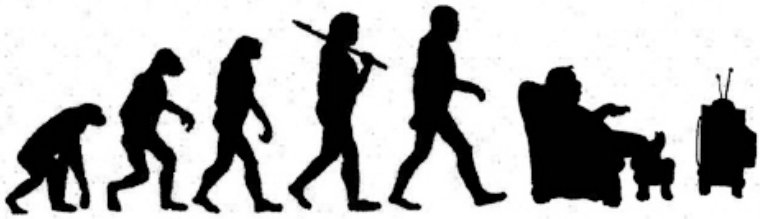


If you are like most folks here in the wonderful USA, you work for roughly 40 hours or more in a week in order to make a borderline poverty wage, you rent an abode to shelter in because you cannot afford to own (and even if you could, taxes are in place to make sure you never stop paying...even for the things you supposedly own!), you eat unhealthy and/or chemically and genetically modified foods, exercise less than you ought to and watch TV and use the internet for drastically more time in a week than you spend reading, creating art or spending time in what could be loosely termed as "natural" surroundings.

BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU ARE ENSLAVED.

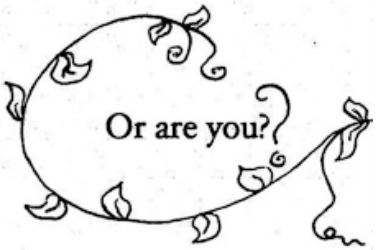
YOU ARE A COG IN THE WHEEL OF A GREAT MACHINE, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, AND THAT MACHINE WILL ATTEMPT TO CRUSH YOU IF YOU DEVIATE FROM THE GRANDSCHEME-

YOU ARE TRAPPED IN PLACE AS A DRONE, FIT ONLY TO WORK AND CONSUME AND SLEEP AND WORK AND CONSUME

AD NAUSEUM,

AD INFINITUM,

UNTIL YOU DIE...



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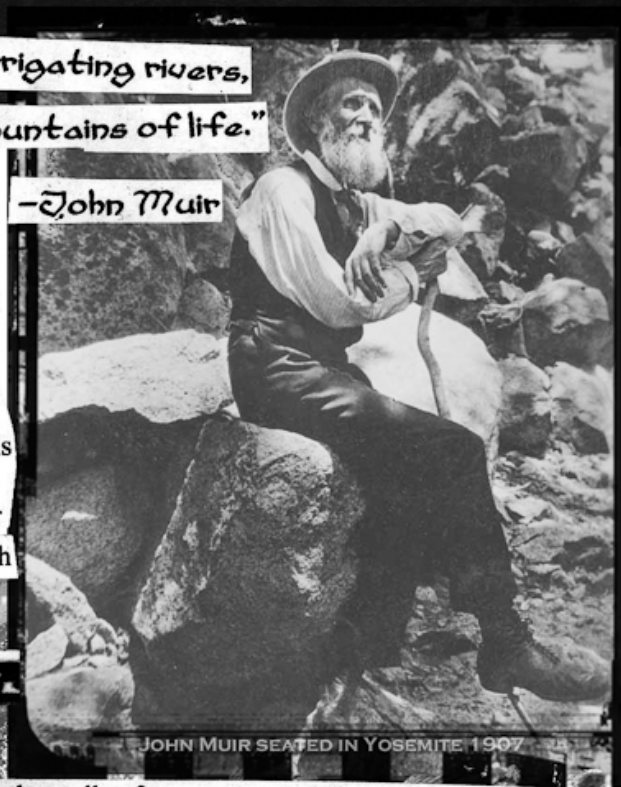
"Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountain is going home; that wildness is necessity; that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life."

–John Muir



JOHN MUIR SEATED IN YOSEMITE 1907

2: THE GREAT ESCAPE

The essential tool to escaping this pervading grey death of banality and drudgery is one you already have at your disposal, but may have placed deep down in your psyche where it couldn't bother you, an adult, with its childish and silly voice. That voice is the lust for adventure and the awe and wonder we have for life itself- we have silenced this voice, and been told to silence it ever since we were "old enough to know better," or were told enough times to "grow up," when we suggested something spontaneous and wild.

But in order to break down the walls of our own perception, dulled and weakened by this cage of distraction, we must become elite commandos, focusing and honing our skills with the weapons of thought and action- making precise and ruinous strikes against complacency, despair and control. How do we make these strikes? We rediscover the ways and means to a fulfilling, adventurous and heroic lifestyle- because before we can take meaningful action in this unconventional war, we need to know what those actions are. In short, we must embark on a quest of discovery to find out what truly fulfills us. Knowing the answer to this question is one of the most damaging things that can be done to the established system, because for so long, they have been telling you what you need and want! Once you grasp the false nature of their offers, it falls on you to make your own dreams-

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? Good.

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TO START ON THIS JOURNEY, ALL WE NEED IS AN ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT WILLING TO EXPLORE, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

OPEN YOUR EYES AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND: AT YOUR LIFE, RELATIONSHIPS, ACTIVITIES, SURROUNDINGS, WORK ROUTINE (YOU STILL HAVE ONE OF THOSE?!), THE WHOLE NINE YARDS.

WHAT ASPECTS DO YOU LOVE?

WHICH DO YOU DESPISE?

WHAT ARE TEN THINGS YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO, BUT NEVER DID, FOR WHATEVER REASON?

GIVE 'EM A SHOT- BECAUSE YOU, AND NO ONE ELSE, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHAPING OF YOUR LIFE AND HAPPINESS AND FREEDOM.

TO BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER, YOU HAVE TO START AT HOME BASE:

WITH YOURSELF.

SO REPLACE ALL THOSE GREY AND ARTIFICIAL IDEAS AND GOALS AND PRINCIPLES WITH A WILD, UNCHAINED DRIVE TO LIVE SPONTANEOUSLY-

TRY NEW THINGS, MASTER NEW SKILLS,

START A REAL WAR AGAINST THE OBSTACLES LIMITING YOUR ABILITY TO EXPRESS AND MASTER YOUR OWN DESTINY!

"We're not on our journey to save the world but to save ourselves. But in doing that, you save the world. The influence of a vital person vitalizes." - Joseph Campbell

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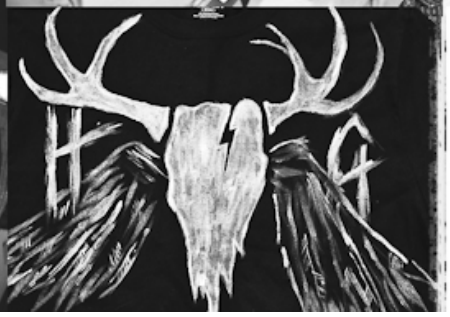
Start thinking about alternate ways to live, to survive, to enjoy yourself. Question your preconceived notions about the way these things are done. If you live within the confines of the city, destroy it's confining ability by realizing its nature as your playground, your refrigerator and food supply, your wild domain.

Imagine that every time you step out your front door, you embark on an adventure to somewhere you've never been, or come up with new ways to get to the places you've already explored. Take friends on "nature hikes" through the urban jungle, get yourselves lost, climb the highest buildings, plumb the depths of the drainage tunnels, find interesting buildings and go inside. Limiting your freedom of mobility, and imagination, is one of the cruelest tools of the civilized world.

Don't stand for it.

Instead of walking out that door to begin your soul-crushing work week, take a detour to freedom. Think up different ways to feed yourself, or clothe yourself, or entertain yourself. Try getting your food out of that bakery dumpster, or help yourself to the clothing out of a donation box and get to work on it with paint, needle, thread or whatever.

Make It Your Own.



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Stand out from the crowd as you develop the primitive markings and ceremonial clothing of your own tribe- turn everything around you into a work of art, including the drab city walls.

Incorporating all these ideas together turns your very life into a strange and wonderful work of art itself-

AND THIS IS NO SMALL THING.

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NO ONE'S WORDS, OPINIONS OR THOUGHTS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS REPLACEMENT FOR YOUR OWN.

But as you discover your own voice and lest you think yourself alone on this perilous journey into the Wild,here are a few writings, websites and artists that relate to the current issue, just to get you started:

"In Praise of Idleness," by Bertrand Russell-
a wonderful piece in which Mr. Russell attacks the sacred idea that labor is a virtuous enterprise.

"Running on Emptiness," by John Zerzan-
America's most famous anarchist writer discourses on a variety of topics aimed at the soullessness of the modern world.

"Walden," by Henry David Thoreau-
a voyage of self discovery and simple living in the woods.
A quote: "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived..."

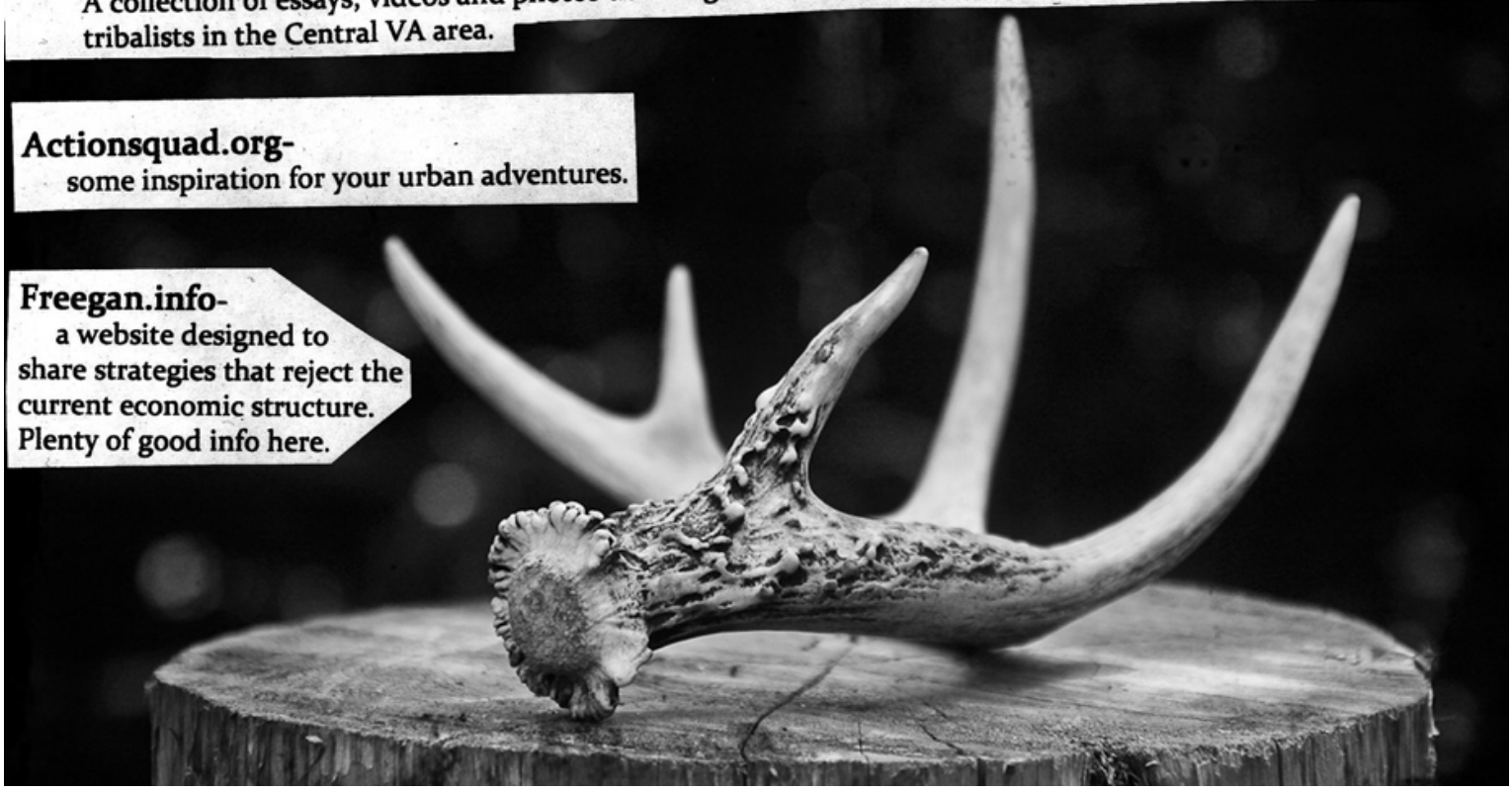
Crimethinc.com-
Plenty of good material here on nearly every topic relating to anarchism.
Also tons of cheap and free swag for the thrifty anarchist!

Metalographerphotography.tumblr:
Artistic/Documentary Photographer whose images are seen throughout this zine.

Grimnir.tumblr:
A collection of essays, videos and photos detailing and documenting a collective of artists, musicians and tribalists in the Central VA area.

Actionsquad.org-
some inspiration for your urban adventures.

Freegan.info-
a website designed to share strategies that reject the current economic structure. Plenty of good info here.



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We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

-Aldo Leopold, **A Sand County Almanac**

3: THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Resacralizing and rewilding: The one leads to the other.

Decivilizing ourselves automatically leads to a desire to more strongly connect with the natural world, and beginning to have a more meaningful relationship with the natural world automatically leads to the desire to become less civilized. It doesn't matter which one we start with- they are like two rivers that feed the same deep lake.

Rediscovering our innate connection with the natural world, and understanding it as a life giving entity is key in the struggle to Reclaim our Lives- because on one level, we are not simply reclaiming our own lives, but reclaiming Life itself.

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Those in positions of power are the enemies of **LIFE:**
DESTROYING, RAPING, KILLING, STRIPPING, DRILLING, AND BURNING...

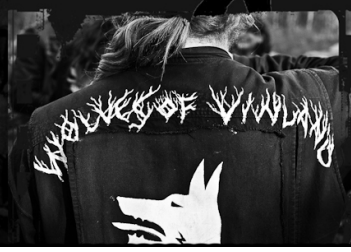
WE ARE IT'S DEFENDERS-

Earth Walkers, Forest Dwellers, Urban Wild Men and Women,

a myriad of tribes and lone wolves seeking to reawaken that well-spring of vitality and terrible joy that is to be truly **Alive.**

Our awakening comes with the deep rooted **Call of the Wild-** whether we answer it's call by turning the cities into a wilderness, or by abandoning these heaping hulks of concrete and steel in order to return to a disappearing woodland, and fighting for it's preservation with tooth and claw, our desire is the same: to build a new world and new dreams in the rubble and ashes of the old.

The answers are still unclear as to exactly how this new world will be- but one thing that is certain:



it will be WILD

VINES COVER EVERYTHING
MOSS REIGNS
AGAIN...

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Sowing the Seeds of Collapse

These technomancers weave their web with neon tracers, their empty power spiraling lifelessly out over the electrical waves, the ocean of hunger. Their sorceries are diversions, each new development designed to sustain your interest longer, to captivate not your imagination but your time- your life. A clever device for storing useless data, or another minor convenience that further atrophies the already weakened muscles of self-reliance in our time.

Their incantations use words like "terabyte", "LCD", "hi-def", "RPM." They ply their trade like high tech gypsies, distracting you with tricks while they steal your children and rob you blind, the echoes of their siren song still ringing. They whisper in the ears of world rulers and their contraptions start wars, prolong wars, end wars, start new wars. Everyone wants to kill for the Next Big Thing. Thousand dollar communication devices have taken over our lives. Digital imaging machines that take 200 shots per second make a picture not worth a thousand words, but rather make a thousand pictures not even worth one word. Life is no longer experienced head-on with a ferocious love. It is reviewed in digital format- each experience merely a pose to later place into the great tentacles of the Internet.

We can escape this grey sickness that has grasped a hold of even the strong, but to do so will require sacrifice: that of our civilization. We as a species have grown pampered and weak, each of us living more comfortably than a thousand kings of antiquity- water, light, heat on command. Food, clothing, gadgetry around every corner for easy consumption. Isolated. Tamed. Controlled. Reliant. Pathetic. Ignorant. Lazy. These are a few of the nicer words that come to mind describing the human condition in present day society. Whether this is because corporate globalization and modern merchant control has dictated this to be our fate, or because we as a people started the snowball effect of ill-advised "progress" and this was its natural outcome is an irrelevant question. All that matters is how we choose to combat this unhealthy, dehumanizing and dominating global situation.

There are more arguments on this front, more words and forums and internet chat rooms and explanations and philosophies and suggested solutions etc. etc. etc. than there are stars in the sky. All of them seem dedicated to whatever the latest buzzword in the modern "anarchist" vocabulary might be, talk upon talk and, unsurprisingly, very little action. This is because the voices on all sides are often of an "all or nothing" slant- one must completely remove oneself from modern society and begin life in a mud hut on Day One, or he must embrace totally the technocratic construct of corporate whoredom and revel in all its might, terror and splendor until his last, smog-filled breath.

The reality is, this "rewilding" is necessary, but must occur on a measured scale of involvement. One cannot simply acquire the skills needed for feral living overnight and move into a hide wikiup the next morning, but nor should s/he succumb to being overwhelmed and give up. There is a natural, more organic method than kicking civilization "cold turkey," that being a slow but steady reintegration and re-education process ultimately leading to a full, well-thought change in lifestyle, worldview and practical living.

It cannot be expected that we close a gap of generation upon generation in a single day, but it can be expected that we END THIS CYCLE NOW, while we are the current generation- otherwise we leave the same sad legacy to our children as our parents left for us: slavery to the system we helped sustain. This is an obvious and horrendous curse to place on our descendants, something to be remedied before we create new life if possible, or to fight tooth and claw so that the children we already have are not faced with the same shackles with which we have been chained for our whole lives.

Breathe deep the richness of the black earth. Run your hands over rough bark, smooth stone, soft fur and remember. Listen to the ragged call of the vulture, the bellow of the elk, the bark of the feral dog and add your voice to this wild wonder. The warm sun on your face, the cold wind in your hair, the wet rain on your back, the full moon shining down on this living earth. This is all the inspiration needed to lay down the supercomputer, the switch, the gear, the machine- and stride boldly and fearlessly back into the Womb of All That Lives. The war is on. Sides are already being chosen. Where do you stand, and what are you achieving for your children and theirs?

"Hail Day, Hail Day's sons
Hail night and her kin.
With love, look on us.
Send to those sitting here victory.
Hail to you gods, and you, goddesses
Hail Earth who gives to All.
Good spells and speech we ask from you,
And healing hands in this life.

-"Sigrdrifumal," author's trans.

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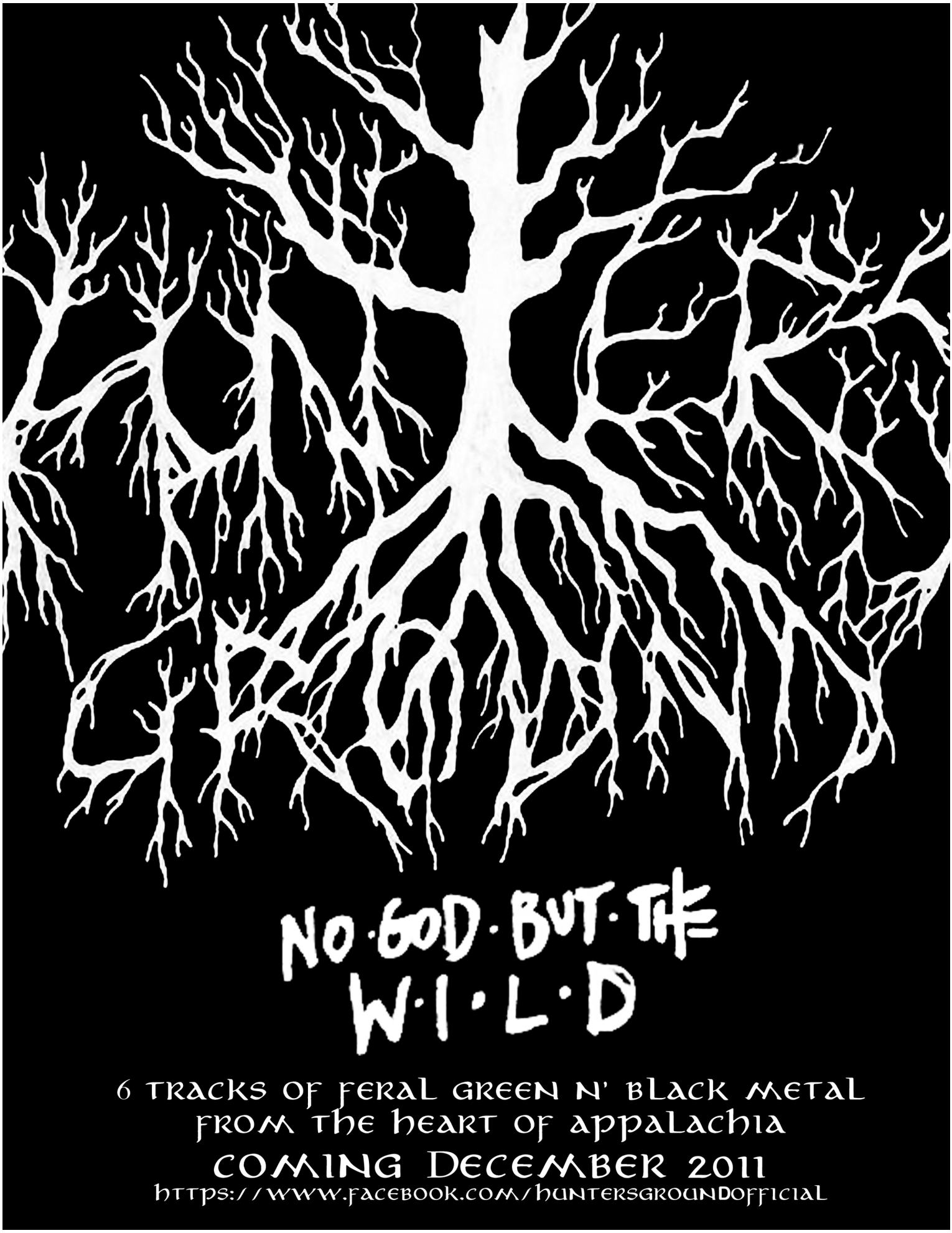

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